

State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED P 074 978 895

Mr. Jerry Holliday Holliday Construction Company Box 502 Blanding, Utah 84511

Re: <u>Area of Disturbance and Permitting Requirements, Holliday Construction Company, Lime Ridge Quarry, S/037/081, San Juan County, Utah</u>

Dear Mr. Holliday:

On April 21, 1994 Division staff members met with you and performed an inspection of your Lime Ridge Quarry operations. During the inspection the approximate disturbed area for the Lime Ridge Quarry was measured. By now you should have received a copy of the inspection memo and a sketch of the areas measured. Please find attached to this letter a table summarizing the results of those measurements.

Because the approximate present disturbance at the Lime Ridge Quarry is under five acres (currently @4.7 acres) the Division will continue to categorize this operation as a small mining operation. During the inspection you indicated the area west of the active quarry area may be mined. If this area is mined to the border of section 16 the five acre limit for small mining operations will be exceeded. Because your operations are presently close to disturbing five acres, please exercise caution in expanding the other mining or processing areas or creating additional roads. According to Rule R647-3-113 (Mine Enlargement), *before* enlarging a small mining operation beyond five acres of surface disturbance, the operator must file a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (NOI) and receive Division approval. It is a violation of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act to expand beyond five acres of disturbance before receiving Division approval. The approval process goes as follows:

- (1) The operator submits the NOI to the Division.
- (2) Division staff review the NOI for completeness. Due to our current backlog it may take up to 60 days from the time of submission for us to send out an initial review. There may be another 30-60 days needed to resolve completeness or technical issues raised in the initial review. After the issues



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have been resolved, the Division will publish a notice of tentative approval of the NOI.

- (3) Issuance of tentative approval initiates a 30-day public comment period. Normally, during this time period the operator posts a reclamation surety to insure reclamation of lands disturbed by the operation. The operator must also complete and file a Reclamation Contract Agreement (Form MR-RC) with this Division, as part of the reclamation surety requirement.
- (4) Upon conclusion of the public-comment period, and assuming significantly adverse comments/concerns were not received from the public, the amount and form of reclamation surety must be presented to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (Board) for approval. This can take an additional 30 days, since the Board only meets once per month.

If you plan on expanding your operations beyond five acres we suggest that you submit a Large Mining Operations NOI as soon as possible. Exceeding the five acre threshold without obtaining Division approval for a large mining operation, may result in the issuance of a Notice of Non-Compliance and subsequent enforcement action(s) as provided for under the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Enclosed is a blank Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (Form MR-LMO) and a copy of the Minerals Rules for your use.

Please be advised that Division of Air Quality (DAQ) regulations may require you to obtain an air quality permit for your on site crushing facilities. Pursuant to our existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), we will be providing a copy of this letter to DAQ.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please keep us apprised of your plans for continued operations of the Lime Ridge Quarry. If you have any questions regarding this letter please call me, Tony Gallegos or Travis Jones of the Minerals staff.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor

Minerals Regulatory Program

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Attachment: summary table

Enclosures: Form MR-LMO, Minerals Rules cc: John Blake, State Lands and Forestry

Jeff Dean, Division of Air Quality

Lowell Braxton, DOGM Minerals staff (route)

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ABLE OF MEASURED AREAS

Holliday Construction Co. -- Lime Ridge Quarry S/037/081

Name of Area Measured	Length (feet)	Width (feet	Area (acres)
Stockpile/Processing Area	280	236	1.52
Trailer Road	237	10	0.05
Test Site #1	110	65	0.16
Test Site #2	84	51	0.10
Road to Test Sites	621	20	0.29
Grubbed Area #1	51	26	0.03
Grubbed Area #2	84	125	0.24
Rehabilitation Area	230	212	1.12
Area Between Rehab, and Processing Areas	170	125	0.49
2-Track Road	555	8	0.10
Active Quarry Area	220	127	0.64
Possible Future Quarry Area	225	127	0.66

Approximate present disturbance => 4.7 Acres
Approximate possible future disturbance => 5.4 Acres